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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on FIA  
Michigan State Senate  
State Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

The Honorable Jerry Kooiman, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on FIA  
Michigan House of Representatives  
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Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Kooiman:

Section 665 of 2004 Public Act No. 344 requires the Michigan Family Independence Agency (MFIA) to report on the new transportation initiatives developed in partnership with the Department of Transportation to use TANF and other sources of available funding to support public transportation needs of TANF-eligible individuals. The report is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact John Sorbet, Chief Administrative Officer, at (517) 373-7904.

Sincerely,

Marianne Udow

Attachment

- C: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees
- Senate and House Fiscal Agencies
- Senate and House Policy Offices
- State Budget Director

## TANF TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS 2005

The Family Independence Agency, the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, and the Department of Transportation have established a partnership to address the transportation needs of TANF eligible families and individuals. The Family Independence Agency and the Department of Labor and economic Growth has entered into an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Transportation and to provide transportation to work for eligible customers on a statewide basis. The current project is funded at **\$2,558,266** with some counties/cities providing local funds. The Family Independence Agency and the Department of Labor and Economic Growth each contribute 25% of the project funds, and the Department of Transportation contributes 50% of the project funds. Applications for these funds are made annually by local communities. The local Family Independence Agency Director, the local Michigan Works Agency Director, and the local Transportation Authority Director must jointly apply for these funds. The Interagency Agreement budget is as follows:

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| FIA TANF funds                | \$ <b>442,779</b>   |
| FIA local office contribution | \$ <b>250,700</b>   |
| DLEG funds                    | \$ <b>442,779</b>   |
| Local MWA contribution        | \$ <b>76,675</b>    |
| DOT funds                     | \$ <b>885,558</b>   |
| Local DOT funds               | \$ <b>327,375</b>   |
| Capital Funds                 | \$ <b>132,400</b>   |
| Total Interagency Agreement   | \$ <b>2,558,266</b> |

(The attached spreadsheet shows the distribution of these funds by locality for 2005.)

Public transportation is also provided through the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) in Eaton, Van Buren and Genesee counties. The local transit authorities provide transportation. This project is also part of an Interagency Agreement funded 25% by the Family Independence Agency, 25% by the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, and 50% by the Department of Transportation. The Family Independence agency will provide \$257,221 in TANF funds for services under this program in 2005.

In addition, the following Family Independence Agency Programs provide transportation assistance to TANF eligible customers:

Direct Support Service is a TANF-funded program that allows local Family Independence Agency offices to assist eligible participants in obtaining and maintaining employment. Some of the transportation services that can be purchased under this program are bus tokens, car purchases and car repairs. Each local Family Independence Agency office receives an allocation and determines the need within their county. The total Direct Support Services funds allocated to county offices in 2005 are **\$14,000,000**.

Community Motor Center Pilot (St. Joseph/Van Buren Counties)

This program is a car donation program. Cars are donated to the Community Motor Center where the cars are repairs and assigned to an eligible person. This is program uses **\$40,000** in TANF funds and will end on September 30, 2005.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**TRANSPORTATION to WORK PROJECT**  
**FY 2005 Maximum Operating Allocation**

| SITE                        | FIA            |                | MDLEG          |               | MDOT           |                | CAPITAL        | TOTAL            |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
|                             | Allocation     | Local          | Allocation     | MWA           | Allocation     | MDOT           |                |                  |
| Alcona (ThunderBay)         | 1,563          |                | 1,563          |               | 3,126          |                |                | 6,252            |
| Alger                       | 8,357          |                | 8,357          |               | 16,714         |                |                | 33,428           |
| Allegan                     | 19,975         | 10,000         | 19,975         | 19,975        | 39,950         | 29,975         |                | 139,850          |
| Bay                         | 2,085          |                | 2,085          |               | 4,170          |                |                | 8,340            |
| Berrien                     | 28,750         | 100,000        | 28,750         | 20,000        | 57,500         | 120,000        |                | 355,000          |
| Branch                      | 6,250          |                | 6,250          |               | 12,500         |                |                | 25,000           |
| Cheboygan (Otsego)          | 6,825          |                | 6,825          |               | 13,650         |                |                | 27,300           |
| Chippewa (Sault Ste. Marie) | 9,808          |                | 9,808          |               | 19,616         |                |                | 39,232           |
| Clare                       | 5,637          |                | 5,637          |               | 11,274         |                | 38,000         | 60,548           |
| Clinton (w/Clinton)         | 7,625          |                | 7,625          |               | 15,250         |                |                | 30,500           |
| Delta/Menominee             | 2,939          |                | 2,939          |               | 5,878          |                |                | 11,756           |
| Dickinson/Iron (UP)         | 5,313          | 5,000          | 5,313          |               | 10,626         | 5,000          |                | 31,252           |
| <b>Eaton* declined</b>      |                |                | 0              |               | 0              |                |                | 0                |
| Genesee                     | 95,157         |                | 95,157         |               | 190,314        |                |                | 380,628          |
| <b>Gladwin - declined</b>   |                |                | 0              |               | 0              |                |                | 0                |
| Grand Traverse              | 5,000          |                | 5,000          |               | 10,000         |                |                | 20,000           |
| Hillsdale                   | 4,625          | 5,000          | 4,625          | 5,000         | 9,250          | 10,000         |                | 38,500           |
| Ingham                      | 25,000         |                | 25,000         |               | 50,000         |                |                | 100,000          |
| <b>Ionia - declined</b>     |                |                | 0              |               | 0              |                |                | 0                |
| Isabella                    | 7,800          |                | 7,800          |               | 15,600         |                |                | 31,200           |
| Jackson                     | 8,750          | 10,000         | 8,750          | 7,500         | 17,500         | 17,500         |                | 70,000           |
| Kalamazoo                   | 6,250          |                | 6,250          |               | 12,500         |                |                | 25,000           |
| Kent                        | 17,391         |                | 17,391         |               | 34,782         |                |                | 69,564           |
| Lake/Mason/Oceana           | 18,750         |                | 18,750         |               | 37,500         |                |                | 75,000           |
| Lapeer                      | 3,438          |                | 3,438          |               | 6,876          |                |                | 13,752           |
| Lenawee                     | 7,210          |                | 7,210          |               | 14,420         |                |                | 28,840           |
| Livingston                  | 10,938         |                | 10,938         |               | 21,876         |                |                | 43,752           |
| Luce (EUPTA)                | 4,000          | 9,000          | 4,000          |               | 8,000          | 9,000          |                | 34,000           |
| Mackinac                    | 4,550          |                | 4,550          |               | 9,100          |                |                | 18,200           |
| Mecosta/Osceola             | 8,334          |                | 8,334          |               | 16,668         |                |                | 33,336           |
| Midland                     | 18,750         |                | 18,750         |               | 37,500         |                |                | 75,000           |
| Montmorency (ThunderBay)    | 1,000          |                | 1,000          |               | 2,000          |                |                | 4,000            |
| Newaygo                     | 4,653          |                | 4,653          |               | 9,306          |                |                | 18,612           |
| Oscoda (ThunderBay)         | 5,000          |                | 5,000          |               | 10,000         |                | 44,000         | 64,000           |
| Ottawa                      | 17,500         | 50000          | 17,500         |               | 35,000         | 50,000         |                | 170,000          |
| Presque Isle (Otsego)       | 3,313          |                | 3,313          |               | 6,626          |                |                | 13,252           |
| Saginaw                     | 24,688         |                | 24,688         |               | 49,376         |                |                | 98,752           |
| Shiawassee                  | 5,021          | 5,000          | 5,021          | 5,000         | 10,042         | 10,000         |                | 40,084           |
| St. Joseph                  | 4,462          | 6,700          | 4,462          | 6,700         | 8,924          | 13,400         | 50,400         | 95,048           |
| Van Buren                   | 18,750         | 50,000         | 18,750         | 12,500        | 37,500         | 62,500         |                | 200,000          |
| Washtneaw                   | 7,322          |                | 7,322          |               | 14,644         |                |                | 29,288           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>442,779</b> | <b>250,700</b> | <b>442,779</b> | <b>76,675</b> | <b>885,558</b> | <b>327,375</b> | <b>132,400</b> | <b>2,558,266</b> |